



FERRIS FLYER

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September 5, 2017



Dear Students and Parents:

Every September the wonderful potential of a new school year begins to unfold. The staff have been in over the past week readying their classrooms and they are looking forward to their new year with your children. We would like to extend a warm welcome to all of our students. Along with all of our returning students, we will have 39 new students in grades 1-7 and over 60 new kindergarten students. It is a chance to make new friends and be truly kind and welcoming!

The school website is a very good place to check for current information. It will be updated regularly—at least once a week on Friday, or more often as needed. Check out the new tab on the website, "Our School Story"—we've just started to tell it! Mrs. Steele will use email to send school newsletters but most info items will go directly onto the website. You will have an opportunity to update your email and other contact information when we send home important school forms next week.

We are planning to move students into their new classrooms on Monday. This school year many schools across the province have been hiring new staff to fulfill the restored contract language, and we are working at Ferris to get our staffing in place. We will be sending a notice home requesting school supply money, etc. Please do not send school supply money until we request it.

Finally, please drive carefully—or better yet WALK with your child and enjoy the beautiful weather we have been having. Think "SAFETY OVER CONVENIENCE" and remember patient and respectful parents who follow the parking rules provide great modelling for Accountability and Respect. You will notice that our traffic loop has been repaved and repainted this summer. Please keep in mind that the traffic loop is for drop off and pick up only, and we therefore ask that you do not park your vehicles and leave your cars unattended there. Due to our large staff, the parking lot is reserved for staff use only, as there are often just enough parking spaces for our staff to park their own vehicles. We ask that, if you drive your child to school, please look for parking on nearby roads around our school. And please be mindful about the no parking/no stopping signs on certain parts of the roads around Ferris. The city of Richmond bylaw officers will issue tickets to drivers who stop/park in areas where parking is not permitted. Ultimately, we are very vigilant about parking at Ferris, and the purpose of this is to keep all of our students safe as they make their way both to and from school each day. Thank you!

Mrs. Diane Steele
Principal

Ms. Benita Bahd
Vice Principal

PLANS FOR THIS WEEK

Wednesday September 6 to Friday September 8, 2017

- **Returning Students** - please report to your former classroom first thing each morning (with some exceptions that are listed outside the office—grade ones will have a notice today about where they will be for Wednesday, September 6 to Monday, September 11, 2017).
- **New Students** - please report to the classroom you were temporarily assigned to today.
- Bring a healthy lunch and snacks.
(Lunch: 12:10 – 12:37 outdoor play; 12:37-1:02 eating lunch; Recess: 10:15 - 10:30 am).
- We are planning to move all students in grades 1-7 to their new classrooms on Monday, September 11th. Please remember to take your child to the same classroom at the start of the day he/she was in last week.
- Kindergarten students will continue with their gradual entry schedule and will be assigned to their new classroom during the second week of school.
- On September 11, all parents/guardians of students in grades 1-3 are asked to come to the school gym near the end of the day, as your children will be in the gym sitting with their new classmates and with their new teacher for the year. This way, you will learn where to bring and pick up your child the next day at school. Thank you! ☺



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****Please note that our planned date to move children into their new classrooms for grades 1-7 is Monday, September 11. However, in the event that circumstances prevent us from moving them on this day, we will inform you of this delay, and will inform you of a new anticipated date for moving into our new classrooms.**

| HOURS OF INSTRUCTION | |
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| 8:30 am | Doors Open |
| 8:45 am | Warning Bell |
| 8:50 am | A.M. Classes Begin |
| 10:15-10:30 am | Recess |
| 12:10 – 1:02 pm | Lunch |
| 1:02 pm | P.M. Classes Begin |
| 2:50 pm | School Dismissed |
| <i>School Office Hours 8:00 am – 4:00 pm</i> | |



**Ferris PAC (Parent Advisory Council) Meeting
Tuesday, September 12 at 7:00 pm**



The first PAC meeting of the school year is next week!

All parents/guardians are invited to attend this meeting. The role of the PAC is to encourage parental input and involvement at the school. Attending PAC meetings is a great way to get to know other parents and to support students at Ferris. As a parent of a Ferris student, you are automatically a member of the Ferris PAC! By attending PAC meetings, you will learn more about our school and be part of the conversation as we discuss ways to support Ferris students. PAC meetings take place in our school staffroom, and if you require childminding, we will have student babysitters each meeting (please note that we can only provide childminding for children who are of school age—not toddlers or babies who would require adult supervision).



Playground Update

The new playground equipment provided through our PAC's fundraising is installed. We are still awaiting required additional bark mulch and borders to be completed by our district. Our hope is that the final preparations will be completed by the second week of school.

We expect everyone will be excited to try it out once it is ready. Staff will be reviewing with students the plan for how to share the new equipment safely and fairly.

Ferris Family Night Magic & Illusion Show!

Our Ferris PAC is proud to present our first ever Family Night Magic & Illusion Show on **Friday, September 22, 2017!**



Doors will open at 5:30 pm and the show begins at 6:00 pm.

We will have magician Donald Dunphy present his exciting magic show for all of our Ferris students and families on this evening. Ticket information will be sent home soon, but make sure you save the date for this fun family and school event! All proceeds from ticket sales will go towards continuing to expand our playground.



**Walk To School Wednesdays are also back!
Drop-off Loop will be closed on Wednesdays!**

Starting **Wednesday, September 13**, the drop-off traffic loop will be closed. We encourage everyone to walk or ride their bikes to school as much as possible. It is not only good exercise but it is also good for the environment. It is a good opportunity to chat with your children while walking to and from school.

We are looking forward to a great year!